

# The Topeka State Journal.

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## WANTED, A RECEIVER

For the Government of the United States.

Its Present Managers Are Spending \$197,000,000 a Year.

While Their Income is Only \$313,000,000 a Year.

## LIKE A VERY FOOL,

Government Borrows Two or Three Hundred Millions

To Pay Its Current and Running Expenses.

## ANY BUSINESS MAN

Who Would Conduct His Business on Such a Plan

Would Be Forced Into Bankruptcy at once,

## OR THE INSANE ASYLUM

Because We Can Borrow \$100,000,000 From the Banks,

The "Popular Loan" is Called a "Glorious Success."

## THE DEEPER WE SINK

In Debt, the More "Glorious" It Is, It Seems,

But the People Are Sharpening an Ax!

When an individual spends more than his income and has to borrow money to carry on his business there comes a time when he can borrow no more and when his creditors demand an accounting and their money.

Then there is a crash and a notice is pasted on his closed business house with the announcement that an assignment has been made. In the case of large firms or corporations the courts kindly step in and appoint a receiver to dispose of the property and pay the creditors as far as the proceeds will go.

This is occurring every day, and nothing is thought of it but there is an occasional expression of sympathy for the unfortunate or unwise, or careless, or extravagant individual and his creditors.

But did you ever stop to think that this magnificent government in its present hands, is now in much the same position as the unfortunate business man. Who will be the first to ask the courts for a receiver?

The government is spending more than its income, and it has completed one series of loans, which have almost doubled the national interest-bearing debt. The government has borrowed money until even the more conservative have stopped to ask, "How long can this thing continue?"

We even see the queer spectacle of people congratulating each other that "the popular loan has been successful." Chauncey Depew says it is "glorious." What can be glorious about borrowing money to pay one's living expenses, no matter whom it is borrowed from? It is not an addition to the wealth of the government. The hundred millions has to be paid back, and what shall we have to pay it with? Indeed, what have we got to show for that hundred millions that the borrowing of was such a "glorious success?"

In a few months it will disappear like five dollar bills in the fingers of Coal Oil Johnny who used them to light cigars with.

We have bought nothing with that hundred millions except a momentary "credit" perhaps. The money is gone and we have no buildings, no public works, no canals, no railroads, absolutely nothing to show for it.

Yet it was a "glorious success." A glorious piece of tomfoolery and Chauncey Depew is a glorious tomfool to call it "glorious."

If it were a business corporation that had transacted such a deal the verdict would at once be that a receiver must be appointed to attend to a business that the managers seem unable to conduct in a sane manner.

With the government however, no one thinks of such a measure though the people who are the government are being plunged more heavily into debt all the time.

The treasury statement for January was discouraging enough for the patriot, who must feel a profound sorrow at the distress of the government and there is no reason to hope for a better showing for the present month. The aggregate receipts at the treasury department were \$24,257,670. The expenditures for the month were \$32,696,830. This makes the deficit for the month of January, \$8,439,160, or to be plain, the government managers spent over \$8,000,000 more than the income for January.

For the past seven months of the fiscal year the government has spent \$18,938,867 more than its income. That will be made up, however, for the government has just borrowed the \$100,000,000 and everything will be bright. After while there will be a demand for another loan

and then there will be more deficits to be met.

The total interest bearing debt October 31, 1895, was \$747,361,560. Add to this the recent bond issue and the total is \$847,361,560. The increase since October 31, 1894, is \$212,318,700. It has cost the people pretty dearly for the privilege of living under the present governmental managers.

Following is a statement of the government revenues from all sources for the last fiscal year:

Customs.....\$ 152,158,617  
Internal revenue.....143,408,773  
Sales of public land.....1,108,347  
Miscellaneous sources.....16,706,493

Total.....\$ 313,380,075  
The expenditures for all purposes, including the expenses of the various governmental departments will appear from an examination of the lists of appropriations of congress for the same period. They are as follows:

Agriculture.....\$ 3,333,750 00  
Army.....29,352,098 09  
Diplomatic and Consular.....1,574,438 76  
District of Columbia.....5,745,443 25  
Fortification.....1,904,557 50  
Indian.....8,762,751 24  
Legislative, executive and judicial.....21,891,718 08  
Military academy.....464,201 66  
Navy.....39,416,245 31  
Pensions.....141,381,570 00  
Postoffices.....80,545,997 86  
Sundry Civil.....46,508,109 40  
Deficiencies.....9,823,374 82  
Miscellaneous.....297,637 37  
Permanent annual appropriations.....113,073,956 82

Total.....\$497,008,320 66  
By an examination of these figures it will be seen that the expenditures exceeded the receipts for the fiscal year, \$183,618,445. To make it plain the deficit for the year is just \$263 for every man, woman and child in the United States and Topeka's share in this deficit is \$91.000. What a glorious success was the popular loan!

The situation is serious. There must be a change. There will be a change. There is only one class of people who are contenting themselves with the situation with satisfaction; they are the bondholders, the men who live without work, who are able to invest in government bonds. They toil not, neither do they spin, but they live in ease and comfort, while the poor, the people who "elect" governments pay the bills.

There will be no wall from Wall street. Nothing will be heard from J. Pierpont Morgan and his associates who are fattening on their share of the plunder as long as the people continue to pay the interest. They like the common plain people, have "unlimited confidence" in the government and they seem to believe that the people will "pay, pay," as long as grass grows and water runs, and so they go on with the assistance of the government's managers forcing bond issues and pushing the nation deeper and deeper into debt.

A receiver is needed. Some one must be named who will take the government in charge and run it as it should be run, in the interest of the members of the partnership and not in the interest of the officers and their friends only. Let the receiver be named, the sooner the better and let it be The People. It is the only way out of this terrible situation. Let the receiver take charge before it is too late to hold the partnership insoluble.

If The People do not soon get control of the government again, Ben Tillman's three words come true.

FOR THE PEOPLE ARE SHARPENING AN AX!

## MR. HOWE RE-CHOSEN.

This Time to Be State Railroad Commissioner for Three Years.

Although the term of Mr. S. T. Howe as a member of the state board of railroad commissioners does not expire until April 1, the state executive council held a meeting between four and five o'clock yesterday afternoon and re-elected Mr. Howe for a full term of three years to date from April next. The law provides that the commissioner may be elected at any time before April.

## NOMINATIONS.

The President Names Rockhill for Assistant and Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The president has sent the following nominations to the senate.

William Woodville Rockhill of Maryland to be assistant secretary of state.  
Matthew A. Smalley of Ohio to be marshal of the United States for the northern district of Ohio.

Casper N. Morrison of Missouri to be judge advocate, with the rank of major.

## DEPARTURES FROM TOPEKA.

The following persons have left Topeka within the past twenty-four hours. Via Rock Island—George W. Duback, T. J. Anderson and T. M. Duncan, Wichita; Mrs. James Franklin Gray, Rapid; A. S. Thomas, Kansas City. Via Santa Fe—Mr. and Mrs. George Bentley and Miss Carrie Chapman, Colorado Springs; D. M. Valentine, Lawrence; T. B. Sweet, Cincinnati; Walter Noble, Peabody; Floyd Baker, Lincoln; Mrs. Frank Nicholson, Phoenix.

Mrs. Mary Harlan's Funeral.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Harlan, deceased wife of James Harlan, who died at her home in Kansas City last evening of pneumonia, will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Third Christian church. The remains were brought to Topeka today and were taken to the residence of Mrs. Harlan's father, B. F. Golden, 215 West Tenth street.

## Prominent Lawrence Man Falls.

LAWRENCE, Feb. 11.—P. A. Dulbe, one of the heaviest stock raisers and farmers in Douglas county, failed today. He had several thousand dollars worth of notes coming due that he could not meet.

## Will Get the Seeds Yet.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The senate passed without division the bill directing Secretary Morton to continue the purchase and distribution of seeds.

## Aerolite View Far Reaching.

MARLBOROUGH, Feb. 11.—The aerolite which exploded over this city yesterday was seen over a large area including Toledo, Saragossa and Valladolid.

## TO FREE WALLER.

The French Government Agrees to Let Him Out

Of Prison Provided No Claim Is Made

## FOR INDEMNITY BY U. S.

Favorable Termination of the Negotiations

For His Release—News Made Public Today.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Ambassador Eustis has been instructed to accept the offer of the French government to release ex-U. S. Consul Waller from further imprisonment and pardon his offense on condition that the affair be thereby terminated as between France and the U. S. and that the latter make no claim in behalf of the prisoner, based upon his arrest, conviction or imprisonment.

Waller may, however, sue in the French courts for damages for ill treatment. These facts, showing the amicable termination of the celebrated Waller incident appear in the correspondence sent to both houses of congress today by the president in answer to resolutions of inquiry upon the subject.

Secretary Olney says that there is no doubt whatever of Waller's guilt; that "the evidence fully sustains the charge" and no court could have hesitated to condemn him.

President Cleveland says that Secretary Olney's conclusions "do not appear to admit of any reasonable doubt."

## HEAVY FAILURE.

Valley State Bank at Hutchinson Closes Its Doors Today.

HUTCHINSON, Feb. 11.—The Valley State Bank of Hutchinson, one of the largest financial institutions in central Kansas, closed its doors today at the order of the state bank commissioner.

Commissioner Breidenthal was notified that the bank was in serious trouble, and he immediately wired the officers of the bank to close their doors and post a notice informing the public that he was in charge of the bank.

Commissioner Breidenthal informed the bank officials that he would leave for Hutchinson to take charge of the bank in person.

W. E. Hutchinson is president of the bank and C. E. Wilby is cashier. The capital stock of the bank is \$100,000, and the statement of the condition of the bank made in December showed that it had at that time liabilities amounting to \$134,000, and assets which, if worth what was claimed for them, would aggregate \$234,000.

For some months there has been a steady withdrawal of deposits from the Valley State bank.

The deposits have fallen to \$11,000. The bulk of the liabilities belong to eastern correspondents, who are, it is said, fully secured. There will be no loss to the depositors.

## WORK ON THE COURTHOUSE

Litigation First Before Any Money Is Paid Over.

The county commissioners are receiving requests from persons who have done work on the new court house, and who have not been paid, to withhold money from the contractor to pay them. David McNair appeared before the board today and asked that his claim of \$280 for work done and material furnished be approved by the board and paid out of the contract money.

The commissioners assured him that no more money would be paid to the contractor until the claims for labor and material were adjusted.

## STOCKHOLDERS EXEMPT.

Judge Horton Decides the Pacific Railroad Case Against the Creditors.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—In the superior court today Judge Horton decided the celebrated Pacific railroad case, which has occupied the attention of the court for years, awarding a victory to the stockholders.

The Pacific railway was a Los Angeles street car line in which C. B. Holmes, the former general superintendent of the Chicago city railway company was largely interested. The matter was recently revived in a bill brought by the creditors of the defunct company to force the stock liability of the stockholders, including about sixty prominent Chicago business men. It is on this bill that Judge Horton passed today, holding that the stock liability cannot properly be enforced.

The suit grew out of the purchase, in 1889, by about sixty business men and capitalists of Chicago, of the stock of the Los Angeles, California Cable Railway company. After the purchase was made the Chicago investors formed a new corporation under the laws of Illinois to own and operate the road.

This company was the Pacific railway company and its capital stock was \$2,500,000. The investment was not a paying one, and the road was sold under foreclosure proceedings. This foreclosure sale practically wiped out the assets of the company, but a bill was filed by several Chicago banks and capitalists who had claims ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000, asking that the stockholders be held liable on their stock subscriptions under the laws of their state for the debts of the company.

## Parliament Assembles.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Both houses of parliament assembled at 2 o'clock. There was a full attendance.

## MISS INGALLS AN ORATOR.

The Ex-Senator's Daughter. Constantly To Speak on the Stage.

ST. JOSEPH, Feb. 14.—Miss Constance Ingalls, daughter of the ex-senator is a fluent and versatile writer. Thus far she has never appeared in the role of a lecturer or essayist, but on next Tuesday evening she is announced to appear at the English Lutheran church of this city in an address on "Fin de Siecle Hero Worship." Possessing most of the qualifications of her father as a speaker, she will doubtless make a success of this new venture, thus opening for herself another sphere, in which the opportunity will be granted to her to win new honors.

## HOW IT WAS DONE.

A Scandalous Incident Betraying How the Gold Bandits Work Their Game.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—An incident attending the activity in the subtreasury precincts, on account of the rush of bidders for the new government bonds wishing to make deposits of gold, was a somewhat brisk verbal encounter between Assistant Treasurer Conrad N. Jordan and Mr. Zimmerman of the bullion brokerage firm of Zimmerman & Forshey.

The subtreasury was the scene of a busy throng of brokers, bankers, clerks, messengers and newspaper men when Mr. Zimmerman, turning to a customer of his, who was in the line of depositors for bonds, pointed to a number of bags of gold which were lying on the floor of the subtreasury and remarked: "There is your gold, delivered according to contract."

Mr. Zimmerman had three times previously during the day obtained gold at the subtreasury on pretensions of greenbacks and delivered the same to his customers. On the fourth occasion, however, Mr. Jordan intervened and refused to accept the gold, which was carried away at the expense of the broker.

Mr. Zimmerman demanded the reason of the refusal to accept the gold, and Mr. Jordan made the point that, while any principal or representative of a principal could not be prevented from drawing gold on pretensions of greenbacks, the government buildings could not be utilized for the delivery of gold by brokers to their customers. It should be remarked that no exception would have been taken if the gold had been taken away and brought back afterward by the purchaser. The affair created no little excitement at the time.

## STUART CONFIDENT.

Railroad Rates Made at El Paso for the Price Fight.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 11.—A sign in big red and black letters was placed in front of Dan Stuart's office this morning announcing that rates could be learned and baggage checked within. This is to get the approximate number who will go to the fight, which event now seems assured.

The place of meeting is, of course, secret, and no one will know until the spot is reached. Seven additional "Texas" rangers reached here this morning, making thirty-two now under command of Adjutant Gen. Mabry. It is reported that the Mexican rurales are gathering across the river at Juarez. A number of eastern points arrived today and larger numbers are reported on the way.

The ministers of El Paso decided this morning to open up a board of foreign missions against prize fights. They went in a body across the river to Juarez to see Governor Ahumada to get him to take active steps against the designs of Dan Stuart to bring off the fight on Mexican soil. Dan Stuart, however, remains confident, and declares that the fight will surely come.

There is no doubt that he will keep his word so far as the big fight is concerned and the chances are very strong that he will keep it as regards most, if not all, of the lesser fights.

Col. Lester, of Houston, stakeholder for the Maher-Fitzsimmons fight telegraphed this morning that on account of sickness in his family he would not be able to come to El Paso. James F. O'Rourke, backer of George Dixon was then chosen permanent stakeholder.

## SANTA FE COMPETITION.

The Rio Grande to Enter New Mexico Near the Atchison.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 11.—Reports received here from points along the line of the Denver & Rio Grande affirm the statement that that road is about to enter the New Mexico field in competition with the Santa Fe.

The Rio Grande now owns the old Santa Fe Southern, and with a little building could be connected with the Colorado system narrow gauge line running through the San Luis valley, which, if reports are true, will be broad gauged for the purpose of establishing a short line to the south in competition for California business.

The proposed line would be via Veta Pass, and a saving of forty miles would be made to Albuquerque.

## ROW IN A DIVE.

A Coal Miner Shot in the Leg at Floyd's Place on Pike.

LEAVENWORTH, Feb. 11.—A row took place in Joe Floyd's dive, during which Floyd sent a ball into the right thigh of Jake Johnson, a coal miner. Floyd runs a notorious place on the "pike," near the soldiers' home, at the point of the Santa Fe river crossing.

The trouble began by Jackson refusing to pay for some drinks he had ordered, when Floyd made a desperate attempt to kill him. The shooting was the signal for a free-for-all go, and a general knocking down followed.

Wichita and return by the Santa Fe Route, one fare for the round trip. Tickets sold February 15 to 19, good to return including February 24. No change of cars by the Santa Fe Route.

## BAT SHEA DEAD.

Killed in the Electric Chair at Dannemora.

Current Turned On While the Priest Reads.

## HE PAYS THE PENALTY

For Murder at the Poles at Troy, New York.

Plug Uglyism Around the Ballot Box Gets a Lesson.

DANNEMORA, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Bartholomew Shea died in the electric chair today paying the penalty for the murder of Robert Ross at Troy in March, '94.

Shea was attended to the chair by a clergyman from his home, and by a priest from the Roman Catholic church of this place. After receiving the last sacrament Shea said: "I am innocent, father, innocent," an assertion which he repeated during the rite of anointment. When he was conducted into the death chamber he started as he came in sight of the electrical chair, but said nothing. The straps being adjusted, the priest, in low tones, read the service of the dead. While the priest read the first voltage was turned on. It was 9:55 when Shea entered the room and 9:58 when he was pronounced dead.

The current sent the body lightly against the straps and the neck and head grew purple. For thirty-one seconds the light was maintained and then a light voltage for thirty-one seconds when the current was turned off. There was an escape from the filled lungs and Dr. Ransom ordered the current on again. A contact of 27 seconds was maintained and then the stethoscope failed to show any life. The escape of air from the lungs sounded like a prolonged sigh and made some people think that there was life, but the physicians said that death was instantaneous.

## FOR THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

President Taylor at Washington Looking After a Bill Affecting It.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Professor Taylor, president of the state normal school arrived today in the interest of legislation granting public lands to state normal schools as well as other institutions as provided in the Fort Hays bill.

This bill now before congress provides that the land of the Fort Hays military reservation shall be given to the state agricultural college for an experimental station to the state normal schools and what is left shall be opened for settlement.

President Taylor is working for the passage of the original bill.

## COLLEGE SHOULD STOP IT.

Useless Row at Washburn That Distracts Students Attention From Their Studies.

The fight in the Washburn College Oratorical association got into the courts this afternoon, when an injunction suit was filed in Judge Hazen's court to prevent the new paper, The Washburn Reporter, from getting the printing of the state oratorical association.

Some weeks ago Ed Leland, son of the Republican boss, turned the tide of victory for the Reporter by buying up a great many of the shares of stock in the association. Now he has more stock than the Mid-Continent supporters, many of whom are members of the association, but do not own any stock. They claim they should be allowed to vote the same as stockholders.

If the college authorities can't stop these foolish boys' fights, they only prevent students from acquiring their lessons, they ought to suppress both papers. Too many boys get a notion that they go to school for everything except to study their books.

## RENO SALT PLANT.

It Has the Largest Wooden Tank in the World.

HUTCHINSON, Feb. 11.—H. E. Blair and P. Newbrand, representing Chas. Fleichman, a wealthy Cincinnati man, have been in the city in the latter gentleman's interest.

Mr. Fleichman is owner of the Reno Salt plant and has invested \$50,000 in its erection, it has the largest wooden tank in the world. It will be two weeks before the tank is started.

It has been erected and prepared for the manufacture of salt upon an entirely new system. The principle is that of manufacturing it in a tank rather than in pans.

## COST OF PROSECUTION.

Reno County Criminal Suits Cost the Citizens \$4,935.53.

HUTCHINSON, Feb. 11.—During the year 1895 it cost the taxpayers of Reno county just \$4,935.53 for criminal prosecutions.

This amount includes the prosecutions in the district court and in the justice of the peace courts of the county.

The grand jury cost the county \$1,765.50.

## SALE OF JEWETT'S STABLE

For Years They Have Been Continued at a Loss.

EAST AURORA, N. Y., Feb. 11.—H. C. Jewett's entire stable of 112 horses has been shipped from the Jewett stock farm to New York, where it is to be sold next week. This practically ends Mr. Jewett's career as a breeder of trotting horses, which pursuit he has followed for many years, with disappointing results financially. Among the animals to be auctioned off are Patchen Wilkes, the sire of the famous Joe Patchen; Turc (2:12), and Favoca (2:12).

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## THE PEARL BRYAN INQUEST

The Body Decapitated and Afterward Taken to the Place Where Found.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 11.—Coroner Tingley, of Campbell county, Ky., today began hearing testimony to determine the manner in which Pearl Bryan met her death. Sheriff Plummer testified that he had secured ample proof of the identity of the deceased and said the same evidence would show that her death resulted from the cutting of her throat. Dr. Hays, surgeon at Fort Thomas, testified that not more than a quart of blood was found where the body lay and that a person of Pearl Bryan's description should have left five quarts. His opinion is that the head had been removed several hours before the body was deposited where it was found. The whole day will probably be taken up with the inquest.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 11.—Less confidence is felt in police circles here in the stories told by Miss Hollingsworth, an Indianapolis concerning the Pearl Bryan murder. Particularly unlikely is her statement that she performed a criminal operation on the girl at Indianapolis. An examination of the head shows that no such attempt had been made. While the parties interested in the case are continuing inquiry in every direction, no discoveries have been made today that throw light on the hidden facts and there is practically no change in the situation.

Another clue was developed today when two colored girls having rooms at 418 East Front street, near the approach to the Newport bridge on Broadway, were requested to go to jail to see if they could identify the prisoners as the two men who went to their rooms on the Saturday morning that the body of Miss Bryan was found.

The girls, Minnie Johnson and Annie Lee, say that after 1 o'clock that morning they saw three men under the Newport bridge at Broadway. One carried a valise. One of the men accosted them and asked where they were going. They said they were going home, and invited the men to go with them. "I want to wash up," said one. "Let's go." The two then went with the girls, but the man with the valise remained. While the men were washing up the women observed blood on the stairs and sleeves of one, and that a shirt sleeve of one was missing. When the men went away the women followed far enough to see that they joined their companion with the valise and went off together.

In all the women were sure that Walling and Jackson are the two men who made the call which they describe. GREENCASTLE, Ind., Feb. 11.—The county commissioners were called together today to take some action in the Bryan case. It is proposed to offer a reward of \$500 for the recovery of the head of the murdered girl in the hope of stimulating the search for it. The body still awaits burial and will not be taken from the vault until the case is finally disposed of.

## FOUR PEOPLE WENT CHEAP

Got Tickets to Cripple Creek for \$13.50 and There's a Row

A meeting is to be held this afternoon by the members of the local board of passenger and ticket agents, composed of the city ticket agents of the Santa Fe, Rock Island, Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific roads, for the purpose of investigating charges made against the city ticket agent of the Union Pacific of selling tickets to Cripple Creek at less than the regular tariff rate.

It appears that a week ago City Ticket Agent Leach of the Union Pacific issued receipts to four individuals in this city entitling them to first class passage to Cripple Creek, receiving \$13.50 from each. This is the rate made to that point for members of parties of ten or more, and the four individuals were supposed to join a party from Kansas City.

The fact of issuing receipts from Topeka, however, was a violation of the Western Passenger association rules, and the Union Pacific is now liable to a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$25 per ticket.

## KANSAS FIELD CLUB.

Meets at the Coates in Kansas City to Raise Kansas Rates.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 11.—The executive committee of the Kansas Field club, an organization of special agents of a number of insurance companies doing business in the state of Kansas and in Oklahoma Territory and in the Indian Territory, met at the Coates last night.

The question of advancing the insurance rates for the state of Kansas is under consideration. At the last meeting here the discussion was devoted largely to the two per cent tax levied on the companies in Kansas and the question of resisting the payment; but it was finally decided to pay the tax, and to recover the payments by test the law. At that time it was stated that the companies would at once advance rates to cover the tax and that has been done in several places in the state.

## WICHITA'S PUBLIC PARK.

Grassland Place to Be Improved and Kept Open Daily.

WICHITA, Feb. 11.—It is now settled that Grassland park will be opened to the public. A driving club has rented the park of Major Ewing.

The contract has been let for filling up the low places in the track and the levee along the river will be repaired so as to prevent an overflow of the park in time of high water in the big and little rivers.

There will be about one dozen electric